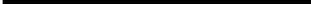


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I am a ward Councillor for Church End ward of the London Borough of Redbridge and was first elected in 1990. I am disappointed to see that my ward will effectively be split into two, under the proposals, and this will be regretted by many local residents who have come to identify with the current ward. There is a definite South Woodford community and the proposed boundaries will largely see that disappear, which will be very regrettable. George Lane acts as the focal point for the area and many people who live in South Woodford use the station to travel to work in central London. South Woodford is the second largest shopping centre in Redbridge and should form more of a focal point when looking at the proposals for changes. I cannot support the proposed "Snaresbrook and South Woodford" ward as this lumps together places that have little in common. The area around Snaresbrook station is more properly associated with Wanstead whereas the southern end of Church End ward has always looked to South Woodford as its centre. The churches draw their congregations from different areas and people shop and travel from different centres so there is very little in common between Snaresbrook and South Woodford. In addition very few of the people living in the northern area of the proposed "Wanstead Village" ward would consider that they have anything to do with Wanstead. This is taking an area that is most definitely South Woodford (in postal area and in its community) and adding it artificially to a centre simply to make up the numbers rather than respecting the loyalties of the local community. It would make much more sense for the southern area of the proposed "South Woodford and Snaresbrook" ward to be incorporated into Wanstead, which is their natural centre, than for parts of South Woodford to be included in the "Wanstead Village" ward where there is no commonality. I think this aspect of the proposals really needs to be reconsidered because it just does not reflect the current position with regard to the local communities. Hugh Cleaver Ward Councillor, Church End ward, London Borough of Redbridge.

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